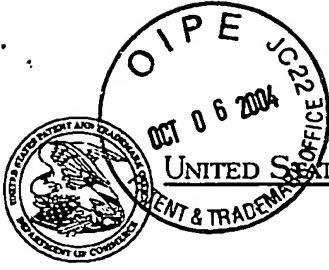


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Serial No: 10/726,160

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**Title: DNA Sequence Encoding A Retinoic Acid
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The following completes the filing of the above-identified patent application under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85:

- Rule 53 signed Declaration enclosed.
- This is a Rule 47 filing per attached Petition.
- Enclosed: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claims) which is a copy of specification/claims originally filed to secure above filing date.
- Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
- Abstract [] pages of Specification (only spec. & claims) [] Drawing Figs.
- [] sheet(s) of formal drawings enclosed: size: [] A4 [] 14" [] 8½ by 11
- Attached is an assignment to The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- Priority is hereby claimed under rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application(s) no(s).

, filed in _____ on _____, respectively.

Certified copy (copies) [] attached; [] already filed on _____ in U.S. Application, Serial No. _____, filed _____

[] "Small Entity" status under Rule 27 claimed. [] Attached: _____ Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity."

[x] Attached is the request return copy of the PTO Notice under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85.

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[] Preliminary Amendment: _____

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

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